HERZOG CONTRACTING CORP.



March 7, 1997

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RECORDATION No. 205

Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary Surface Transportation Board 12th and Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed for recordation pursuant to the provisions of CFR 49, Parts 1000 to 1199, Part 1177, are two originals of a Memorandum of Lease Agreement dated March 5, 1997, as a primary document as defined in the Board's Rules for Recordation of Documents.

The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed documents are:

Lessee:

Western Railroad Cars, Inc.

144 North Glendale Avenue, Suite 222

Glendale, CA 91206

Lessor:

Herzog Contracting Corp.

P. O. Box 1089

St. Joseph, MO 64502

The Memorandum of Lease Agreement covers the lease of thirty-one (31) cut down Thrall gondola railcars identified in Schedule A to the Memorandum of Lease Agreement. The railcars in Schedule A are identified by the existing reporting marks and numbers. We have also enclosed a check for the payable to the Surface Transportation Board, for the required recording fee. Please return one stamped copy of the enclosed documents to the undersigned. If you have any questions or require additional information concerning this filing, contact the undersigned at (816) 233-9001.

Sincerely yours,

HERZOG CONTRACTING CORP.

James A. Frasher

Vice President

Jaf/sa

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD WASHINGTON, D.C. 20425-0001

3/24/97

James A. Frasher
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Dear Sir:

The enclosed document(s) was recorded pursuant to the provisions of Section 11303 of

the Interstate Commerce Act, 49 U.S.C. 11303, on

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assigned recordation number(s). 20597.

Sincerely yours,

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

Enclosure(s)

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that I have compared this certified, true copy of the Memorandum of Lease Agreement of Railroad Equipment between Western Railroad Cars, Inc. and Herzog Contracting Corp. dated March 5, 1997 to the original of such Lease Agreement and that this copy is a true and correct copy in all respects.

SHARON M. ADAMS
NOTARY PUBLIC - NOTARY SEAL
STATE OF MISSOURI
COUNTY OF ANDREW
My Commission Expires AUG 1 1999

Notary Public

(Seal)

My Commission Expires August 1, 1999

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MEMORANDUM OF LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS MEMORANDUM OF LEASE AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of March & th, 1997 by and between WESTERN RAILROAD CARS, INC., a California. Corporation (LESSEE) and HERZOG CONTRACTING CORP. a Missouri Corporation (LESSOR), with reference to the following

- 1 LESSOR has agreed to lease to LESSEE, and LESSEE has agreed to lease from LESSOR various railcars pursuant to Schedule A in the Lease Agreement Document identified as Number 125, dated March th, 1997 between LESSOR and LESSEE
- 2 Pursuant to Exhibit A, LESSOR has agreed to lease, and LESSEE has agreed to lease the thirty one (31) J301 open top gondolas railcars bearing the existing reporting marks and numbers as indicated on Schedule A hereto attached, as more particularly described on the Lease Agreement Document, Number 125
- 3. The transaction shall be effective as of the execution date of the Lease Agreement Document Number 125, and subject to all terms and conditions therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed or caused this Memorandum of Lease Agreement, Document Number 125, to be executed as of the date first above written

HERZOG CONTRACTING CORP. LESSEE

Vice President

WESTERN RAILROAD CAR, INC **LESSOR**

ITS: